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1. The tank unit from the Rossau-Meinsdorf barracks was in Jueterbog for training on 10 June 1950. (1)
2. The commanding general of the Rossau division headquarters frequently went to Karlshorst, Potsdam and Rossau. He and several senior field officers from tank units in Rossau, Zerbst and Wittenberg, and some high-ranking officers from Karlshorst, were participating in what source believed to be an important conference held in the headquarters building. The meeting lasted from 9 June until noon of 10 June 1950. (2)
3. There was a recent order to the effect that all dependents were to be repatriated. (3)
4. Storage facilities were still maintained in Rossau. Troops who had gone to Jueterbog still turned-in their laundry and drew their rations in Rossau.
5. Rossau-Meinsdorf engineer troops were commanded by a major general who had returned from a six-month course at the war academy about mid-March 1950. (4)
6. The majority of the engineer troops were in Rossau. They repeatedly left for 10 day exercises, taking up to 50 motor vehicles with them. (5)
7. The engineer unit received 150 replacements, coming from the direction of Berlin, about 7 June 1950. The recruits were undergoing basic training about 10 June 1950.
8. Nearly all Rossau-Meinsdorf barracks were illuminated in the evening of 9 June 1950. Soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some with tank insignia, black epaulets with anchor insignia, and black-bordered crimson epaulets, were seen at the barracks. (6)

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9. Bridging exercises with 20 to 25 pontoons were conducted at the Elbe River on 9 June 1950. Trucks C 4-75-08, C 4-75-12, C 4-75-75 and C 4-75-83 were seen there. (5)
10. Motor vehicles observed in the barracks traffic on 9 June 1950 were numbered:
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| C 4-60-24 | C 5-88-37 | B 3-78-60 | E 2-42-38 | E 2-49-54 |
| C 4-60-36 | B 3-72-11 | E 2-41-02 | E 2-42-44 | E 2-49-66 |
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11. A workman said that the tanks dispatched to Buchenwald, allegedly numbering 175, were expected to return in late June 1950. The tanks left with only their crews. According to source, the conversations of soldiers indicated that an inspection may have been held in Buchenwald. (7)

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Comments.

- (1) Reported by the same source on 18 April 1950. [REDACTED] Confirmed by other reports stating that component units of the 7th Gds Tank Div moved to the Herder-Markendorf training area, as they did in 1949. See [REDACTED]
- (2) The division headquarters apparently confirmed in Rossau prior to 10 June 1950.
- (3) First mention of an order effecting the repatriation of all Soviet dependents.
- (4) The major general commanding the Rossau 36th Pan Bridge Regt of the GORC was probably Major General Yakovlev (fnu), who has been carried as CG of this regiment on the basis of information from a fairly reliable source in November 1948. [REDACTED] 25X1X
- (5) Confirmed by other reports. [REDACTED]
- (6) The barracks were presumably occupied by recruits who arrived in Rossau-Meinsdorf in late April and early May 1950, according to an untested informant. [REDACTED] 25X1X
- (7) The movement of tank units of the 7th Gds Tank Div from Dessau-Rossau to Buchenwald via Weimar was also observed by an informant during the period from 28 April to 12 May 1950. [REDACTED] The information, however, contradicts other observations. [REDACTED] In view of the confirmed movement of large elements of the 7th Gds Tank Div to the Herder-Markendorf troop training grounds, it appears doubtful that as many tanks as stated should have moved to Buchenwald with their crews. 25X1X

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